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- 11. (C/NF) Stefano Sannino, PM Prodi's senior diplomatic advisor, told the Ambassador April 20 that Italy's support for the Ahtisaari plan was clear, complete, and not nuanced. The Ambassador stressed the importance of Italy publicly expressing full support for the plan, including supervised independence for Kosovo. The Ambassador added that he had spoken to FM D'Alema just prior to the April 18 visit of UNSYG Ban Ki-Moon and that D'Alema said he would make his promised statement of support (see Rome 710) during the UNSYG visit, but none had been made.
- 12. (C/NF) Comment: The Ambassador pressed both the PM's office and the FM this week to make a clear public statement in support of supervised independence for Kosovo. Despite assurances that they would do so, we have yet to see the desired statement. Spogli